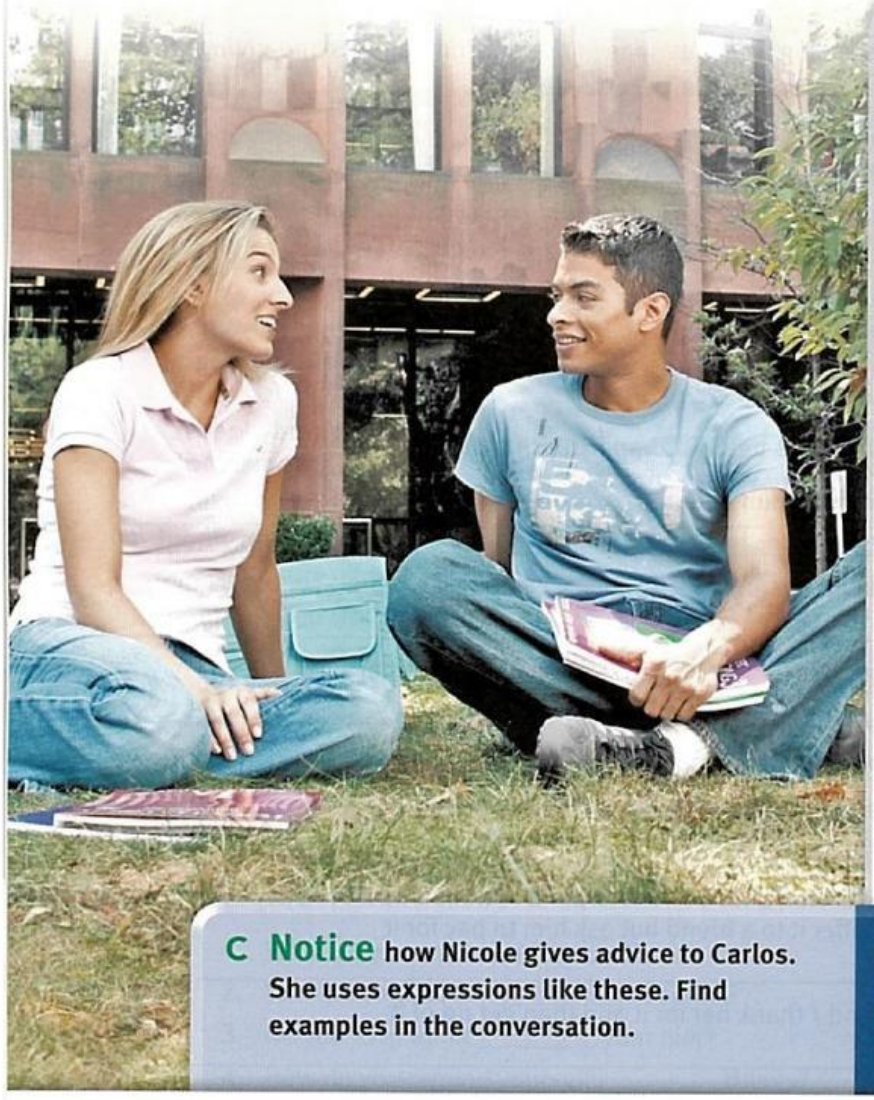
If I were you, . . .

1 Conversation strategy Giving advice

A What tough decisions have you made? Did you ask for advice? Tell the class.

B 3.17 Listen. What advice does Nicole give Carlos about grad school?



Nicole Hey, I hear you got accepted to grad school.

Carlos Yeah. I got into MSU and Bracken Tech.

Nicole Congratulations! So where are you going to go?

Carlos I don't know. I got a full scholarship to Bracken Tech, but I think MSU has a better engineering department.

Nicole Well, if I were you, I'd take the scholarship. Then you wouldn't have to borrow any money.

Carlos Yeah, that would be great. But it's a tough decision.

Nicole Well, Bracken Tech's a good school. I mean, you might want to go there and meet some of the professors.

Carlos That'd be good. But then, everybody I know is going to MSU.

Nicole Oh, I wouldn't worry about that. You can make new friends. And anyway, I might go to Bracken next year, you know, if I get accepted.

Carlos Really? That would be awesome!

C Notice how Nicole gives advice to Carlos. She uses expressions like these. Find examples in the conversation.

If I were you, I'd . . .
I would / I'd . . .
I wouldn't . . .
You might want to . . .
You could . . .

About you **D Pair work** Think of three pieces of advice for each problem below. Then take turns role-playing the problems and giving advice.

1. I wish I weren't majoring in economics. I just don't find it very interesting.
2. One of my co-workers just got a promotion, but I didn't get one.
3. I wish I knew what to do after college.
4. My boyfriend / girlfriend wants to get married, but I'm just not ready.
5. My parents want me to study law or accounting or something, but I don't want to.

"Well, if I were you, I'd try and switch to a different major. . . ."

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